

WSR 22-13-186
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Nursing Home Administrators)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-843 WAC, Nursing home administrators. The board of nursing home administrators (board) is considering a new section to establish a retired active status credential and amending WAC 246-843-180 to require proof of passing the jurisprudence exam before renewing an expired license.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.52.061, 18.130.050, and 18.130.250.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board is considering the establishment of retired active status as a way for nursing home administrators to continue to practice in a limited way at a reduced cost. Having access to a retired active status would allow nursing home administrators to be more readily available during a health emergency such as the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The board is considering adding proof of a jurisprudence exam for a renewal of an expired license as a means to check that all active licensees [have] sufficient knowledge of current Washington laws and rules.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kendra Pitzler, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4723, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email kendra.pitzler@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

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